

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

***Please replace the paragraph spanning page 11, lines 4-13 of the substitute specification filed September 23, 2008 with the following amended paragraph:***

In the present invention, when carbon nanofibers are separated, particularly, by a physical separation process, it is preferable that the fine particles are closely packed. A closely packed fine particle means a ~~fine particle with high strength~~ fine particle having low porosity~~which is not porous~~. More specifically, the void ratio of the fine ~~particle~~ particles may be 10% or less, preferably 5% or less, further preferably in a range of 3 to 5% and more preferably in a range of 1 to 3%. This is because reduction in void ratio can prevent peeling-off in fine particles during separation of the carbon nanofibers, so that carbon nanofibers which do not include impurities can be obtained.